

LAFCO STAFF WORKSHOP

TO DISCUSS DRAFT AGRICULTURAL MITIGATION POLICIES

LAFCO staff will hold a workshop to discuss the Draft Agricultural Mitigation Policies. The purpose of the workshop is to provide more information and answer questions on the draft policies. In addition to attending the workshop, we encourage you to provide your written comments as soon as possible in order to allow us enough time to sufficiently consider and respond to your comments.

Date: **Monday, August 28, 2006**

Time: **10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

Place: **11th Floor Conference Room
County Government Center
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Conservation agency staff, city staff (planning directors, city managers, city attorneys, planners particularly those working on urban service area applications, annexations and other LAFCO matters) and other interested parties. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to those who would benefit from attending the workshop.

RSVP APPRECIATED BY AUGUST 24, 2006

We request that participants confirm their attendance with Emmanuel Abello, LAFCO Clerk, at (408) 299-6415 OR e-mail him at emmanuel.abello@ceo.sccgov.org



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**LAFCO'S DRAFT AGRICULTURAL
MITIGATION POLICIES
FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT**

FIRST CLASS MAIL

LAFCO'S DRAFT AGRICULTURAL MITIGATION POLICIES

AUGUST 14, 2006

REQUESTING REVIEW AND COMMENT

Included for your review and comment are LAFCO's Draft Agricultural Mitigation Policies.

These policies have been developed to serve as an additional tool to help LAFCO meet one of its primary mandates – to preserve agricultural lands and discourage the premature conversion of agricultural lands. In April 2006, LAFCO directed staff to develop agricultural mitigation policies in order to ensure that LAFCO's agricultural mitigation expectations and requirements are clear to affected property owners, cities, other local agencies/organizations and the interested public.

The Draft Agricultural Mitigation Policies establish minimum criteria and standards for providing agricultural mitigation. These policies specify in which cases mitigation would be required, how much and what type of mitigation would be required, what type of entities would qualify as agricultural conservation entities and at what point in the LAFCO application process the mitigation requirements must be fulfilled.

Given the diversity of conditions within Santa Clara County, it is recommended that cities with potential LAFCO applications involving agricultural lands, individually or in collaboration with an appropriate agricultural conservation agency, develop and adopt more detailed and specific agricultural mitigation policies and programs that are consistent with LAFCO's Agricultural Mitigation Policies.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, need more information, or if you would like to set up a meeting with LAFCO staff to discuss LAFCO's Draft Agricultural Mitigation Policies, please do not hesitate to contact Neelima Palacherla, LAFCO Executive Officer, at (408) 299-5127, email: neelima.palacherla@ceo.sccgov.org OR Dunia Noel, LAFCO Analyst, at (408) 299-5148, email: dunia.noel@ceo.sccgov.org

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

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LAFCO staff will hold a workshop on Monday, August 28 at 10:00 am to discuss the Draft Agricultural Mitigation Policies. More details about the workshop can be found on the other side of this page.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

In addition to attending the workshop, we encourage you to provide your written comments (via mail or email) ASAP and not later than September 8 in order for staff to take them into account in developing the proposed policies for LAFCO's consideration and adoption at the public hearing.

LAFCO PUBLIC HEARING

LAFCO is scheduled to consider and adopt the Agricultural Mitigation Policies at a public hearing on Wednesday, October 11, 2006. A staff report along with the Proposed Agricultural Mitigation Policies will be made available on the LAFCO web site at least 7 days prior to the public hearing date.

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Government Center
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110